



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for March 30-April 5**

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Most of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 2.0 inches of precipitation. Some areas in South Texas, South Central Texas, the Edwards Plateau and North East Texas received up to 5.0 inches. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Small grains continued to improve in many areas across the state. Winter wheat and oats were heading in most areas of the state where cattle had been removed. Wheat rust was observed in areas of the Northern and Southern Low Plains as well as the Blacklands. Dry conditions affected wheat and oats in some areas of South and South Central Texas.

**Row Crops:** Cotton and sorghum producers planned for upcoming planting in areas of the Northern Low Plains and the Northern and Southern High Plains. Sorghum was planted in the Cross Timbers but corn, cotton, and sorghum plantings were delayed in the Blacklands due to excess moisture. Cotton planting was underway in areas of South East Texas while some corn was being cultivated. Meanwhile, pre-irrigation for cotton was underway in the Trans-Pecos area. Producers in the Edwards Plateau prepared cotton fields while some corn and sorghum began to emerge. Dry conditions slowed cotton plantings in some areas of the Upper Coast. Corn, cotton, and sorghum continued to progress in areas of South Texas and the Lower Valley. Rice was being planted in areas of the Upper Coast but more moisture was needed.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan trees budded in areas of the Southern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau. Watermelon producers had begun planting in areas of the Cross Timbers. The potato crop in South Texas had reached the flowering stage while cabbage harvest was underway.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continued across most of the state but slowed in areas of the Blacklands, the Cross Timbers, and the Edwards Plateau. Pasture and range condition was rated mostly fair to good. Feral swine property damage was reported in areas of North East Texas.

## Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	57	50	52	49
Emerg'd	33	24	30	25
Cotton				
Planted	12	5	8	7
Rice				
Planted	73	56	32	42
Emerg'd	47	(NA)	6	17
Sorghum				
Planted	52	45	46	41
Winter Wheat				
Headed	29	28	13	17
Oats				
Headed	25	23	23	23

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Wheat	12	50	29	8	1	78	68
Oats	8	47	34	8	3	74	65
Range and Pasture	12	37	32	13	6	69	67

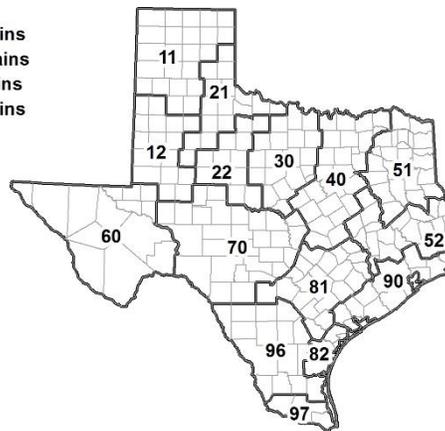
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

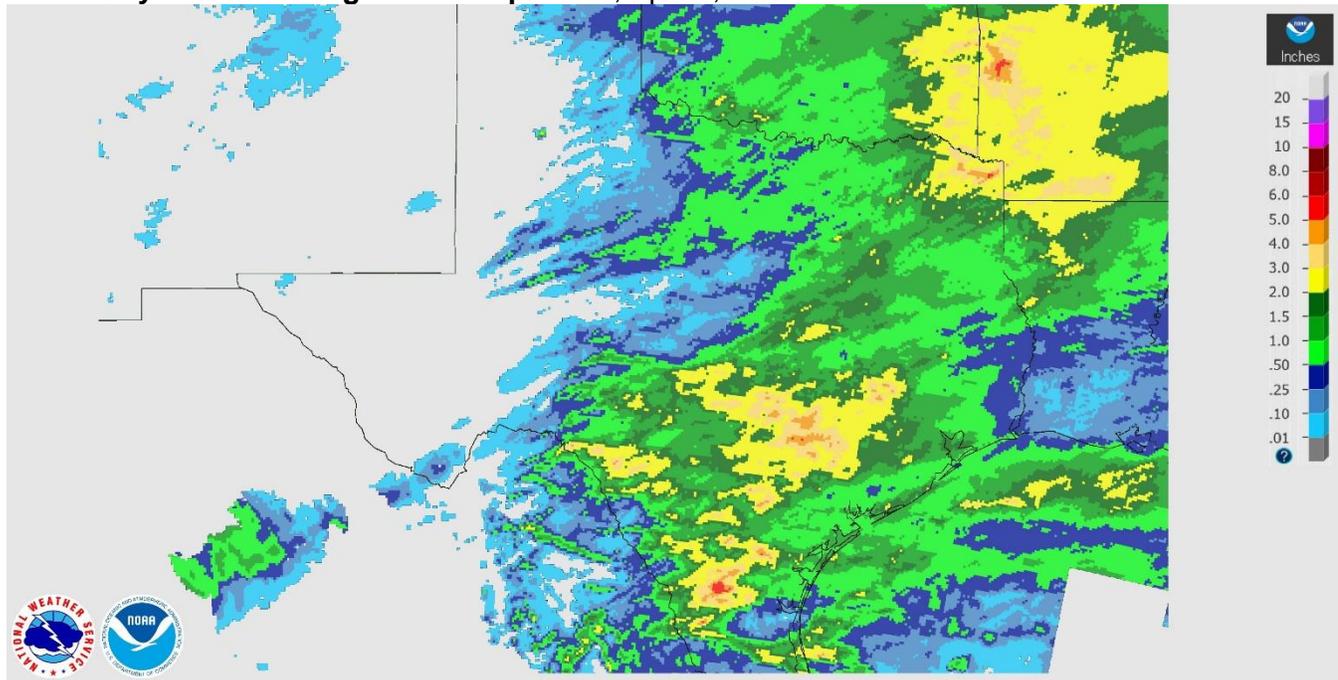
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	4	44	52	0	3	29	68	0	5.5
12	6	11	70	13	9	19	64	8	4.2
21	1	23	75	1	1	19	80	0	5.5
22	0	7	78	15	0	12	75	13	5.1
30	0	1	83	16	0	4	85	11	3.9
40	0	2	45	53	0	2	55	43	2.3
51	0	2	55	43	0	1	58	41	5.6
52	0	3	82	15	0	4	82	14	5.4
60	7	44	49	0	9	45	46	0	6.3
70	11	17	67	5	12	19	66	3	6.5
81	0	26	72	2	4	31	63	2	5.5
82	23	42	35	0	29	41	30	0	5.7
90	13	31	54	2	10	60	23	7	6.8
96	56	17	27	0	62	24	14	0	5.9
97	67	28	5	0	63	27	10	0	4.1
State	7	20	59	14	8	20	61	11	4.8

### Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

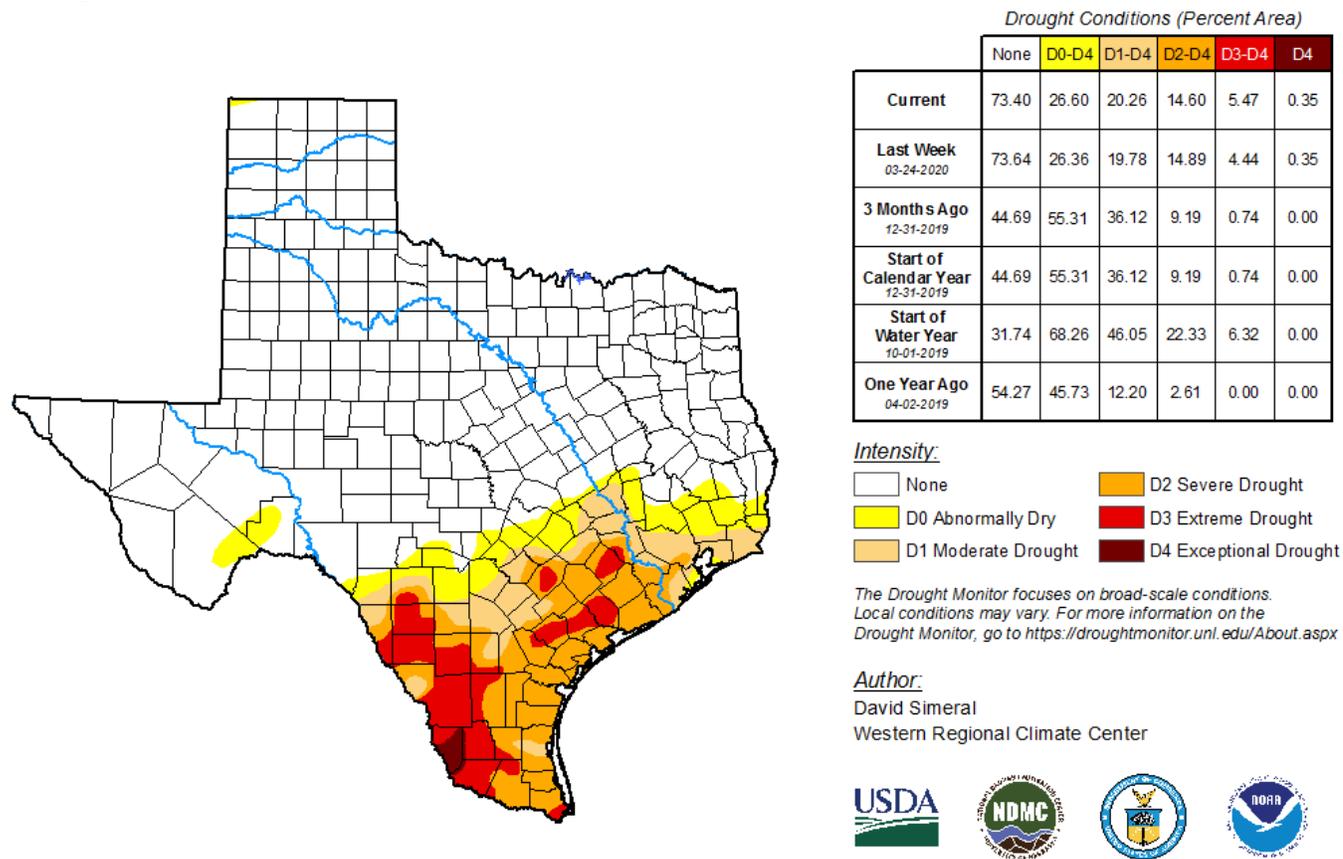


**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 5, 2020.**



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

**Drought Monitor, Valid March 31, 2020.**



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